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Accreditation Committee Attention: Michelle Manning Spring Creek Lodge Academy 76 Spring Creek Road Thompson Falls, MT 59873

To Whom It May Concern,

There is something remarkable and unique about The Spring Creek Lodge Academy. For one thing, it really is a secondary institution with high academic standards not an organization whose "membership benefits" amount to little more than having a mail order degree.

The University of Montana-Western through the course that I teach, ED 425/426 Multicultural/Global Education has been involved with the Academy for approximately two years. I have observed throughout the two years of personal involvement, the administrators, faculty and staff give themselves to their students far beyond any written requirements; I have seen the same people fight for their students with a fervor that cannot be bought; I have seen them do things and spend hours that are beyond counting. I know them as the dedicated professionals they truly are.

It is an understatement to say that the cooperation, attention, behavior, and general manner were and continue to be outstanding throughout our visits to the Academy. The staff, faculty and administration have made our visits not only enjoyable, but a fantastic learning experience for Western's students as described in the Education's Departments conceptual framework.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Spring Creek Lodge Academy for all the superb accomplishments in growth and maturity that I have witnessed during the past two years. I also want to congratulate the Academy's students for helping make the school so successful.

Sincerely Yours,

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Professor and Chair of the

Department of Education.